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## **COUNTY OFFERS RABIES SHOTS, MICROCHIPPING AND LICENSING**

*Animal Clinic Provides Protection for Pets, Peace of Mind for Pet Owners*

The County Department of Animal Services will offer low-cost rabies vaccinations, dog licensing and microchipping from 10 a.m. to noon Sunday, June 26, at the County Animal Services South Shelter in Bonita. The shelter is located at 5821 Sweetwater Road.

Rabies vaccinations for dogs (four months or older) and cats (three months or older) will be available for \$5.

Dog licenses, which are required by law, may be purchased for one, two, or three years. Moreover, owners who have failed to ever license their dog, or have allowed their dog's annual license to lapse, will be offered amnesty from any late fees during the event.

With proof of a dog license, the Department will also be microchipping dogs for a one-time fee of \$20, which includes the registration. There is no license requirement for cats.

"The vaccination, the license and the microchip provide protection for animals and peace of mind for pet owners," said Board of Supervisor's Chairwoman Pam Slater-Price.

"A microchip is a small transponder the size of a grain of rice, which is injected under the animal's skin and remains there for the life of the pet," said Lauren Joniaux, director of the South Shelter. "The Department scans all incoming stray animals for the presence of a microchip, which can allow staff to immediately locate the owner's information."

For more information, call (619) 236-4250 or visit the County Department of Animal Services Web site at [www.sddac.com](http://www.sddac.com).

For the protection of owners and their pets, dogs must be on a leash and cats in a carrier for the clinic.

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